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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF INSTANCES WHERE A MINOR PARENT
OR PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN RECEIVE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

1 WHEREAS, the family of a minor parent plays an important
2 role in the welfare of the minor parent and the children of the
3 minor parent; and

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5 WHEREAS, parents of a minor parent can hold the minor
6 parent accountable for child rearing; teach the minor parent
7 proper parenting skills; and encourage the minor parent to
8 complete high school and pursue higher education; to participate
9 in job training and employment; and to enroll their children in
10 early childhood education programs; and

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12 WHEREAS, holding the parents of a minor parent financially
13 responsible for the minor parent and the child of the minor
14 parent will strengthen familial bonds and result in other
15 beneficial consequences for the well-being of the minor parent
16 and his or her child; and

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18 WHEREAS, holding the parents of a minor parent financially
19 responsible for the minor parent and the child of the minor
20 parent will reduce their dependency on public assistance; and

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22 WHEREAS, at least thirteen states have enacted law
23 providing for grandparent liability for child support; and

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25 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 128 H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2015,
26 proposes to hold the parents of a minor parent responsible for
27 the support and maintenance of the minor's child until the minor
28 parent reaches the age of eighteen; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of



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Human Services is requested to provide to the Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2016, information regarding the number of instances where a minor parent or parents and the children of a minor parent receive public assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of Human Services.

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